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Application No.: 10/700,920
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Brenda F. Baker, et al.
Application No.: 10/700,920
Filing Date: November 4, 2003
For: **Oligomeric Compounds Having Modified Bases For Binding To Cytosine And Uracil Or Thymine And Their Use In Gene Modulation**

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Examiner: Tracy Ann Vivlemore

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The present response is filed in regard to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 21, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page _____ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page _____ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 26, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants elect Group I, containing claims 1-32 and 35-64. Applicants further elect the species of group 3), claim 13. Claims 1-10, 13, 35-42, 45 and 64 are readable on the elected species.

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Conclusion

It is believed all of the claims presently before the Examiner patentably define the invention over the prior art and are otherwise in condition for ready allowance. An early Office Action to that effect is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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